

TO ADVANCE SCIENCE. THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN BROOKLYN THIS WEEK.

For the first time in the history of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was founded in 1847, an annual meeting will be held this year in this vicinity since 1857, when the meeting was in New-York. A large attendance, not only of the members, but of others interested in scientific progress, is expected at the proceedings, which open on Wednesday and last a week.

The vice-presidents of the local Committee of Arrangements are these well-known men: Dr. Truman H. Backus, president of the Packer Institute; Dr. David H. Cochran, president of the Polytechnic Institute; Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, Major-General O. O. Howard, Dr. Cornelius N. Hoagland, Dr. C. H. Levermore, principal of the Adelphi College; Father Sylvester Malone, one of the State Board of Regents; Bishop Charles M. McDonnell, Dr. William H. ...

Arrangements have been made to hold the important public meetings in the Academy of Music, a reception in the Art Gallery and Assembly Rooms adjoining, and the sessions of the Association and the several sections into which it is divided in the halls and lecture-rooms of the Polytechnic Institute, in Livingston-st., and the Packer Institute, in Jersey-st. The sections have each a secretary assigned for its individual use.

Geological-1. Fort Lee on the Hudson, to study the Palisades. 2. Orange Mountains, N. J., middle cretaceous marl beds, containing fossils. 4. Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., cretaceous and sea cliffs. 5. L. I., cretaceous and gravels, red shale and kaolins. 6. Kriescherville, S. I., cretaceous and their inclusion in drift.

Mineralogical-1. Franklin Furnace and Ogdensburg, N. J., zinc and iron mines. 2. Tilly Foster, N. Y., magnetite and other iron ores, chondrodite and various serpentine minerals. 3. Montclair, N. J., McDowell's quarries, zeolite minerals. 4. Staten Island, serpentine, asbestos, ...

Botanical-1. Long Branch, for marine algae. 2. Cold Spring Harbor, marine algae and land plants. 4. Marine algae and land plants. 5. Several large water gardens will be opened freely to the public and to their friends.

Zoological-1. Cold Spring Harbor, on Saturday, August 18, New-York. 2. The meeting of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, 2. Carnarlie Landing, marine mollusca and crustacea. 3. A. D. ...

Officers of the present meeting—Daniel G. Brinton, Media; George C. Comstock, Madison, Wis. B. Physics, William A. Rogers, Waterville, Me. Chemistry, Thomas H. Norton, Cincinnati. D. Mechanical Science and Engineering, Mansfield Merriman, South Bethlehem, Penn. E. Zoology and Geography, Samuel H. Henslow, Iowa City, Iowa. F. Zoology, Samuel H. Scudder, Cambridge, Mass. G. Botany, Lucien M. Underwood, Greenacres, N. J. H. Anthropology, ...

THOUSANDS WASTED IN GAS. UNOCCUPIED SPACES OF NEW-UTRECHT BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED.

At the public meeting in the Academy of Music Thursday evening, Dr. Harkness, the astronomer, followed. Friday, August 11, Monday, August 13, Tuesday, August 14, Wednesday, August 15, before the various sections, with public addresses in the evenings. The election of officers will take place on Thursday, August 16, in the Art Association Hall, when the meeting will adjourn. A considerable sum of money has been subscribed by interested persons in Brooklyn to make the meeting as successful as possible, and a large attendance of the 2,000 members of the association is expected.

TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOLS. MAYOR SCHIEREN APPOINTS A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Several weeks ago Mayor Schieren announced his intention of appointing a special commission to consider the welfare of the public schools in the city with a view to their improvement in the city with suggestions improvements tending to increase the efficiency of the schools. The idea was probably suggested by the commission which did a similar work for the New-York schools last year, making an elaborate report to the Legislature, which, however, failed to take any action regarding it.

By common consent the committee is an excellent one. Dr. Backus, Dr. Cochran and Dr. Levermore are in charge of the three leading private educational institutions of the city; Mr. Swanstrom is the President of the Board of Education; Dr. Harkness has had many years' experience on the Board, and Messrs. Schooley and Keyser have likewise served as members of the Board. All of these men have had large acquaintance with educational matters, and all of them have the welfare of the public schools at heart.

During the session of 1888 a bill was passed establishing a Board of Improvements for the town of New-Utrecht, composed of the Supervisor, one appointed by the Justices of the Peace, one by the Assessors of the town, and one by the Commissioners of Highways. That looks like a fair division of the appointing power, and would seem to insure a representative board. But when it is remembered that the appointing officials were to all intents and purposes creatures of Hiss Furguson, the matter assumes a different aspect.

The contract with the gas company was originally made for ten years, but under the amended act of ten years' restriction was extended for another ten years, and by the amended act of ten years' restriction was extended for another ten years, and by the amended act of ten years' restriction was extended for another ten years.

Now, it should like to say that whatever defects exist in the schools of Brooklyn are due less to the system than to the administration of the system. No matter how good a system of schools there may be, if it is administered by incompetent persons you cannot get good results. And with good men and women in the Board of Education it is a very possible thing to have a system of schools that is an ideal one.

One thing is certain: the district system ought to be abolished, and people should be free to send their children to the school in the city where there is room for them. In point of fact, the downtown schools are full, and those uptown are over-crowded. It is a matter of fact, and it is not about to be changed. The district system is a failure, and it is a matter of fact, and it is not about to be changed.

The suit of Benjamin Franklin Warren, a civil engineer, of No. 24 Union-st., Brooklyn, to recover damages from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for personal injuries, has been settled by the payment of \$10,000 to the plaintiff. The case was heard by Judge On March 3, 1893. Mr. Warren started for New York, O. C., on the Congressional Limited train. When near Washington he left the car he had sat in to go to the smoker. As he passed from one car to another the train lurched in rounding a curve and he was thrown from his feet. A fall from the train, receiving injuries which prevented his attending to business for several months, resulted in the settlement of the case.

ITALIANS AND POLICEMEN FIGHT. CLUBS AGAINST A REVOLVER AND RAZOR-CLUBS WON.

Policeman William McKee, who is attached to the Fifth Precinct, Williamsburg, had a lively experience with an Italian early yesterday morning at South Third and Hewes-sts., and had it not been for the timely appearance of another officer he would have been badly handled. The Italians drew revolvers and knives, and for a time there was a desperate fight. The Italians were finally subdued, and at the station house said they were sorry that they had been so badly handled.

The burglar was disgruntled. A BROOKLYN THIEF AT WORK IN THE WRONG PRECINCT—HE HAD ONLY BEEN OUT FOR A MONTH OF PRISON A MONTH.

Mrs. George Wendling, wife of the proprietor of a clothing store at No. 1,290 Myrtle-ave., Brooklyn, was awakened yesterday morning by a series of strange noises. Mrs. Wendling went to the window in the rear of the house and saw a man industriously sawing the bars which protected the rear window of the store. Wendling called to him, asking him what he was doing, but he received no answer.

While there is an ordinance against Sunday ball-playing, it is not rigidly enforced by the police. In the parks and on the streets, where it is made by people who are not disturbed, in isolated places, and in the parks, ball-playing is not interfered with. No playing is allowed on Sundays in the Park Ground, which is occupied for games on all other days.

John T. West, steward of the brig Woodbury, lying at Woodruff's Stores, was drowned while trying to go on board the vessel yesterday morning. He was under the influence of liquor and missed his footing.

A writ of certiorari has been secured for the review by the Supreme Court of the action of the Assessors in increasing the valuation of the Germania Savings Bank Building from \$100,000 to \$120,000. It is alleged that the Assessors have not faithfully performed their duty in assessing personal property, and that not more than 20 per cent of it is taxed.

An appeal has been taken to the General Term of the Supreme Court from the order of Judge Bartlett enjoining the payment of about \$40,000 to James W. Birkett for extra work at the St. John Land Company Farm.

Mrs. Anna Korosten, sixty years old, of No. 92 Butler-st., was engaged as a servant by Mrs. Van Auker, of No. 355 Sixth-ave., to go to the Taylor, and she started on Friday with Edward Taylor, and she was cruelly beaten and died before the arrival of an ambulance surgeon. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

Notice has been sent to Andrew Wissel, the contractor for removing dead animals, nightsoil and orf, by the Health Department, that he must dredge out Newtown Creek, where his boat has been moored, and deposit the nightsoil until it is removed beyond the city limits.

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In the mean time the power of the Furguson ring has been broken. There was a popular uprising against it at the election last April, and the result was again that McKeanism in the neighboring town of Gravesend. The Citizens' candidate for supervisor was John V. Van Pelt, a member of one of the oldest families in the town, and he was elected by a small majority over the candidate put up by Furguson. Then came the annexation of New-Utrecht to the city, and the result was that the Furguson ring was broken.

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COAL FOR NAVAL VESSELS. HOW THE SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED AT THE BROOKLYN YARD.

THE ROYAL NAVY'S ENGINES MADE A FINE RECORD—OUTLINE OF THE ERICSSON'S VOYAGE—OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST.

The cruiser Cincinnati finished the two weeks' dock steam trial at the Navy Yard yesterday, with the result that everything about the machinery and boilers worked with greater satisfaction than was expected. The engines were run separately and together, and the boilers were run at the widest range in the tests.

ADVISES WERE RECEIVED AT THE YARD YESTERDAY THAT THE NEW-YORK WOULD REACH THE NAVY YARD ABOUT THE "MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK" AND THAT EVERYTHING READY TO BE THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND PAINTED, THE DISTILLING APPARATUS TO BE REPLACED, AND OTHER REPAIRS ARE TO BE MADE.

ALTHOUGH NOT A PERILOUS VOYAGE THAT THE TORPEDO-BOAT ERICSSON IS MAKING IT IS NEVERTHELESS AN INTERESTING ONE. THIS "TRIP" IS THE "INLAND ROUTE," SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO THE NEW-YORK NAVY YARD.

THE DECISION OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A COALING STATION AT KEY WEST HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS TALKED ABOUT BY OFFICERS OF THE NAVY, WHO RECOGNIZE THAT WHILE IT WILL NOT PROVE OF AS GREAT ADVANTAGE AS ONE IN THE MID-PACIFIC WOULD, IT WILL BE A GREAT ADVANTAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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WORK ON BRIDGES CONNECTING THE CITY WITH THE NORTHERN WARD.

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